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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method for the manufacture of <u>an_aluminum</u> trihydrate[[s]] <u>comprising hydrolyzing by hydrolysis of an_aluminum alcoholate[[s]] at 0 °C to 60 °C in <u>an_aqueous hydrolysis solution at with a pH value greater than 8 in the presence by addition of <u>an_at least one_organic compound[[s]]</u> having 2 to 24 carbon atoms or <u>the their salt[[s]] thereof</u>, which each taken by itself has <u>said organic compound</u> having at least one amino group and at least one carboxyl group.</u></u>
- 2. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 1 characterized in that the organic compounds have an amino group in the 2, 3 or 4 position, preferably in the 2 position, to the carboxyl group.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with one of the preceding claims characterized in that the organic compound is an amino acid of general formula I

wherein with R is equal to H or a hydrocarbon group with 1 to 20 carbon atoms with if necessary one or a plurality of functional groups, and R' is equal to H, or a C_1 to C_5 alkyl with if necessary one or a plurality of functional groups.

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4. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with <u>any</u> one of the preceding

claims 1, 2 or 3 characterized in that the organic compound has furthermore at least one

hydroxyl group.

5. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with one of the claims 1, 2 or

through 3, characterized in that the organic compound is L-serin, aspartic acid, glycine

and/or L-leucin.

6. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with <u>any</u> one of the preceding

claims 1, 2 or 3 characterized in that the organic compound is present at 0.01 to 1 wt%,

preferably at 0.2 to 0.5 wt% based on the total weight of the hydrolysis solutionin relation

to the hydrolysis receiver.

7. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with <u>any</u> one of the preceding

claims 1, 2 or 3 characterized in that the manufactured aluminum trihydrates have a

nordstrandite or gibbsite structure.

8. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with any one of the preceding

claims 1, 2 or 3 characterized in that the hydrolysis is carried out at temperatures between

20 °C and 60 °C, preferably between 30 °C and 40 °C.

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9. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with <u>any</u> one of the preceding claims 1, 2 or 3 characterized in that aluminum alcoholates are added to the hydrolysis

solution receiver in a weight ratio of 1 to greater than 0.5, preferably 1 to 0.7 to 1 to 3.

10. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with any one of the preceding

claims 1, 2 or 3 characterized in that in a further step after the hydrolysis the aluminum

trihydrate compound undergoes a hydrothermal aging, preferably above for at least 1 h.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 10, characterized in that the

hydrothermal aging at temperatures is carried out between 30 °C and 100 °C, preferably

between 40 °C and 60 °C.

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to one of claims 10 or 11,

characterized in that the hydrothermal aging is carried out in a solid material slurry with a

solid material concentration from 2 to 25 wt%, preferably 3 to 5 wt%, calculated as A1₂0₃

and in relation to the total weight of the solid material slurry.

13. (Currently Amended) The method in accordance with any one of the preceding

claims 1, 2 or 3 characterized in that the method furthermore comprises the step of

calcining of the produced aluminum trihydrates with predominantly bayerite,

nordstrandite and/or gibbsite structure for the manufacture of calcined alumina.

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14. (Original) The method in accordance with claim 13, characterized in that the method comprises the calcining of aluminum trihydrates with predominantly nordstrandite and/or gibbsite structure.

15. (Currently Amended) The calcined Aalumina obtainable from aluminum trihydrates, manufacturable obtained according to the method in accordance with of claim 13-or-14, wherein the calcined alumina has pore volumes greater than 0.6.

16. (Currently Amended) The calcined Aalumina obtained according to the method of in accordance with claim 14, wherein the calcined alumina has pore volumes of 0.8 to 1.5 ml/g.

17. (Cancelled)

- 18. (New) A catalyst support comprising the calcined alumina of claim 15.
- 19. (New) A catalyst support comprising the calcined alumina of claim 16.